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Dear Medicaid Client:

Governor Christine Gregoire, in her continuing response to our state's most serious fiscal challenges since the Great Depression, has clarified the Medicaid budget cuts that will go into effect during 2011. As you were previously notified by a letter on or about December 6, 2010, these cuts were proposed by the Medicaid Purchasing Administration (MPA) in response to the serious revenue deficit Washington State faces. The state's revenue shortfall stood at \$1.1 billion for FY2011 and will reach \$4.6 billion for the FY2011-2013 biennium.

Here is what has changed since the letter, dated December 6, 2010, detailing the cuts that will take effect on January 1, 2011:

- Adult physical, occupational and speech therapies will not end on January 1, 2011.
- The adult hospice benefit will not end on January 1, 2011.
- All dental services for clients who are developmentally disabled are restored.

In addition, Governor Gregoire said this week that she is recommending the Legislature restore the Adult Hearing and Adult Vision benefit in July, when the new biennium begins. She also asked legislators to restore the Adult Dental benefit for seniors and pregnant women, as well as the adults with any other type of disability when the new biennium begins.

Other information about the cuts and the FY2011 Medicaid budget are posted on the program's website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/News/Budget.htm>. Please rely on this website to keep current on any further changes to the agency's FY2011 budget or the budget for the new biennium that will be put together by the Legislature over the next few months. The Legislature has the authority to change the Governor's decisions, but the cuts set for January 1, 2011, will go into effect as scheduled, except for the three programs listed above.

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